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THE SNOWSHOE TRAIL

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Story by Edison Marshall

Scenario by Marion Fairfax

Directed by Chester Bennett

Author of photoplay (under Sec. 62)

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Synopsis

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"The Snowshoe Trail"

Cast

Virginia Tremont.	Jane Novak
Bill Bronson.	Roy Stewart
Harold Lounsbury.	Lloyd Whitlock
Kenly Lounsbury	Herbert Prior
Mrs. Bronson.	Kate Tonoray
Herbert Lounsbury	Spottiswoode Artken
Mah Lung.	Chai Hung

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"Snowshoe Trail"

Virginia Tremont's fiancée, Harold Lounsbury, has not been heard from in over a year. She and her uncle, Kenly Lounsbury, set out for the far northwest in search of him, taking with them a guide, Bill Bronson, and a Chinese cook, Wah Lung.

Bill Bronson, son of the frozen North, develops a strong protective feeling for Virginia. Kenly Lounsbury is a city-spoiled man with a supercilious air, and Wah Lung, an honest Chinaman, is shrewd enough to estimate him as a worthless sort.

Kenly falls ill at one of the camps and the party tries to cross the icy river to get to Bill's main cabin. Virginia is swept into the river and towards the falls. Bill springs after her and saves her life. Kenly Lounsbury, without trying to find out, decides that they are both drowned and prevails on Wah Lung to accompany him back to civilization.

Bill and Virginia reach the cabin, where they procure dry clothing and find provisions enough to last them several weeks.

On his way back to Bradleyburg, Kenly Lounsbury falls off a cliff and is instantly killed. He is found by half-breeds, who find on his person money and a mysterious paper, at which he had been furtively looking all through the trip.

The half-breeds cannot read and take the paper to a squaw man, a sort of gang-leader, who makes it out to be a map, reading:

"Claim staked in 1902 by Herbert Rutherford Lounsbury, known as Herbert Rutherford, and John Bronson."

The excited squaw man orders his half-breeds north. At first they demur because the destination is within Bill Bronson's trap lines, but soon are cajoled into the expedition. One morning, Bill and Virginia are surprised to see a camp established near their cabin. Bill, on investigating, finds that the squaw man is none other than Harold Lounsbury. Although filled with loathing, he orders Harold to shave and bathe and he brings him to Virginia. She falls in Harold's arms at once, but soon feels there is something wrong with the man. But her sweet graciousness makes her tolerant and she even forgives him when he insinuates that there is something between her and Bill.

The storm ceases and they start for Bradleyburg, seeking game on the way. A crash is heard. A tree has fallen, disclosing a cave from which emerges a bear. The grizzly makes for Virginia, but Harold has a chance to fire, yet deliberately holds back. While

Bill struggles with the beast, Virginia fires at him in vain with her revolver. As the grizzly makes for her, Bill presses a pistol close to the charging animal and kills it at the last minute. Virginia and Bill both realize that Harold could have killed the bear and now know they are dealing with an enemy.

Bill crawls into the mouth of the cave, discovering the long-dead body of his father, with the back of his skull crushed by a pick, which lies nearby. Harold inadvertantly reveals that the claim had never been recorded, and the entire heinous plot to defraud dawns on Bills, who says, "You are the son of Herbert Rutherford, the man who murdered my father! --- Bill almost throttles Harold in his anger, then marks the claim, as Harold mutters that it will never be recorded.

Bill mushes back twenty-three miles to his cabin for provisions, landing there exhausted and falling asleep immediately after lighting the fire. He awakes to find everything dark and to discover that his provisions have been stolen. He lights a match and discovers he has been rendered temporarily blinded by the smoke filling the tightly closed abin. However, he essays the trip back to Virginia and Harold.

Virginia, filled with premonition, starts out after Bill and finds him unconscious and almost dead in the snow. She revives him and brings him back to the cabin, which Harold and two half-breeds have first entered. Fire is built and Virginia at last brings Bill back to life.

That night, Harold, who has been drinking with the half-breeds, enters the cabin and, seeing that Virginia now seems open to insults,

They try to make her drink, and when Bill becomes aware of this, he remonstrates.

Harold orders the half-breeds to pounce on him and Bill tears bandages from eyes, ready for battle, although he can scarcely distinguish his adversaries.

He makes a fierce leap across the cabin and grapples with Harold. Three against one! Follows a ferocious fight. Gouging, tearing, hammering, crashing furniture, the fight attains a furious pitch. Bill is sinking to the floor, Virginia finds his gun and covers the assailants with it. It is knocked from her hand but, just in time, a Bradleyburg posse with Wah Lung to guide them, bursts into the cabin and makes Harold and the Half-breeds prisoners.

Virginia and Bill as might be surmised, now find that Fate had intended them for each other.

The End

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